

**MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT  
PUBLIC SESSION  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2018  
7:30P.M.**

**1. OPENING**

**1.1.1 Call to Order**

Council President Yeargin called the meeting to order at 7:15p.m.

**1.1.2 Roll Call**

Present: Mayor Eugene W. Grant Councilmember Charl Jones, Councilmember Hope Love, Councilmember Lamar Maxwell (By Telephone), Councilmember Shireka McCarthy, Councilmember Kelly Porter, Councilmember Gloria L. Sistrunk, Councilmember Reveral Yeargin

Staff: William Jolley, Director of Economic Development, Dashaun N. Lanham, City Clerk, Devan Martin, Chief of Police, Diamond Plater, Council Clerk, Jeannelle Wallace, Chief Operating Officer

**1.1.3 Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance:**

The invocation was given by Councilmember Kelly Porter

**1.1.4. Approval of Agenda**

It was motioned by Councilmember Jones and seconded by Councilmember Sistrunk to approve the Public Session Agenda. The motion carried, and the agenda was unanimously approved by the Council.

**1.1.5. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

- It was motioned by Councilmember Sistrunk and seconded by Councilmember Jones to approve the Regular Work Session meeting minutes for Monday, November 5, 2018. The motion was carried, and the meeting minutes was unanimously approved by the City Council.
- It was motioned by Councilmember Sistrunk and seconded by Councilmember Porter to approve the Public Session Meeting Minutes for Monday, November 19, 2018. The motion was carried,

and the meeting minutes was unanimously approved by the City Council.

- It was motioned by Councilmember Jones and seconded by Councilmember Love to approve the Regular Work Session Meeting Minutes for Monday, September 10, 2018. The motion was carried, and the meeting minutes was unanimously approved by the City Council.

## **2. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

- Naomi Bowman-71<sup>st</sup> Ave., Seat Pleasant, MD stated that she wanted to thank the Mayor and Council for the events that the City has been giving. It has been a very good year and the staff are pleasant and professional when you encounter them.
- Shirletta Johnson-Wahler Ct., SE. Washington, DC stated that she had received a citation for parking on the curb, but the parking lane on Addison Road is narrow. The cars can be damaged if they park in the designated area. The officers were mis-guiding and the second officer tried to use intimidating tactics.

## **3. PRESENTATIONS:**

### **3.1. None**

## **4. LEGISLATION**

**4.1. Resolution R-19-07 To Support the Delegation Bill PG409-19 Grocery Store Tax Credit.** Resolution R-19-07 was introduced by the City Council and read by City Clerk Lanham on Monday, December 10, 2018. It was motioned by Councilmember McCarthy and seconded by Councilmember Jones to approve Resolution R-19-07. The motion carried and was unanimously approved with amendments.

**4.2. Resolution R-19-08 To Amend Certain Strategic Goals and the Implementation and Action Plan pertaining to the Strategic Goals.** Resolution R-19-08 was introduced by the City Council and read by City Clerk Lanham on Monday, December 10, 2018. It was motioned by Councilmember Jones and seconded by Councilmember McCarthy to approve Resolution R-19-08. The motion carried and was unanimously approved.

## **5. REPORTS:**

### **5.1. Council President Report**

- Council President Yeargin stated that his report can be found on BoardDocs for the month of October.

### **5.2. Mayor Eugene W. Grant**

- Mayor Grant greeted the City Council, residents and Staff this evening. Mayor Grant stated that we see the accomplishment being made in such a short period of time and you may want to see things happen overnight.
- Mayor Grant stated that some people feel that some people have unrealistic expectation of the government. They feel that we should be able to snap our fingers and make things happen in a short period of time.
- Mayor Grant spoke on the churches that started small and build up over years of time. It takes years of working to get these things accomplished. Mayor Grant stated that everything is a process and it happens step by step.
- The comment of money going out and nothing coming in. The reports detail the money that are being spent on behalf of the City. The approved budget provides long term assets that are in accordance to the approval. We have achieved 90% of the goals that have been set forth in the Strategic Plan.
- We must respond to the rules that are set by USDA and they have 30 days to review the submission of the request. Mayor Grant stated that we cannot sit down and debate every minute issue. It is very dishearten to hear the statements that are being made about the staff not working or the government is a joke.
- Mayor Grant stated that everything comes back to him and he has relationship with people before you came along. There are people that will come and whisper in your ear about the city, but they are jealous of the accomplishments of the city. You sit in judgement and speak about the work or mistakes that the staff is making, and you condemn them oppose to offering them a helping hand.
- He stated that no one has come in to work or shadow a staff member on the work that they do. Mayor Grant stated that there is no evidence of your comment or criticism of the person. Mayor Grant stated that he had received a telephone call from a Mayor of a conversation they had with a person. This is a person that may not be seen with him during the day but will call him at night.

- Mayor Grant stated that he does not speak against any council person on the outside of the four walls. Mayor Grant stated that Councilmember Porter taught him that we do not speak against them in public, as it does not make us look good as a City when we air our dirty laundry outside.
- Mayor Grant stated that when the last Council put him out of his office and residents that were against him had offered him space in their homes.
- Mayor Grant stated that he recommends that you ask the question, you can put it in writing by e-mail and we will answer the question.
- Mayor Grant stated that it is not enough money in the City for him to go to jail.
- Mayor Grant stated that he does not want the Council and Mayor to go down the road where we were three years ago. We are at the half way mark and the government is doing more than it has in the last several years within the two years.
- We have trash cans with sensors, we have poop stations to allow residents to take care of the dog poop. We have a Master Plan and we are the second City with a Master Plan in State of Maryland.
- We are learning to work the IOC, but it is doing what is designed to do.
- We met with WSSC last week and they want to partner with the City of Seat Pleasant. The Council and the Mayor are working together in accordance to the Strategic Plan and Budget, which were both approved by the City Council.
- We are starting to implement the sensors in the City. IBM is still on board, and we have other companies that want to come on board. We have companies that want to partner with us at no charge to the City.
- We can use this kind of support before the price tags go up. The Washington Board of Trade use to manage the District of Columbia and they are doing a multi-million-dollar project in the District of Columbia. The City of Seat Pleasant will be the poster child for the project.
- We have grants that the City cannot apply for and thus the reason we created the Seat Pleasant Economic Development Corporation.
- Mayor Grant stated that Thomas Edison was expelled within three months by his first-grade teacher, but we have lights.
- Mayor Grant stated that the City of Seat Pleasant is being bold enough and crazy enough to make the changes. Mayor Grant stated that we

need to stay united and continue the path. Let us not allow the enemy to win, let us not get taken off the course. Let us reason together and figure out the best way to make this happen.

- Mayor Grant stated that Muhamad is meeting with seven cities this week. We signed the agreement with IBM April 2017, last year we were just walking through the gate. We held our first Smart City Booth in MML in June, NLC-Charlotte, NC. We continue to build and build, we had some data in June 2018-MML, and NLC-Los Angeles in November. Smart Cities may not be new, but it is new to us. We now have a year worth of data to present in each of the mile stone we gain momentum. Some will argue that they have not brought a subscription, no because they are in the middle of their budgets.
- Mayor Grant stated that people are still going through the learning curb. We are breaking out first with the Smart Cities.

### **5.3. Chief Operating Officer Report-Jeannelle Wallace, Chief Operating Officer Report**

- Mrs. Wallace greeted the Mayor, Council, citizens and staff.
- Mrs. Wallace stated that the liens that are registered with the State of Maryland was \$45,000, which is a 62% increase in the last year.
- The Administration Department held several meetings with the Departments on the Strategic Priorities, crime is down in three significant categories. The challenge for the next year is to increase the patrol staff by 2-4 officers.
- The Public Engagement increased the events from 11 to 46 and the completion of the goal of myseatpleasant app, they are continuing to work on free WIFI, health and education events.
- The HR department had reviewed over 2000 applicants on the posting on indeed website.
- The City Clerk met goals on completion on county, state level, scanning and maintaining of records and in need of additional staff to assist with maintenance of records. The response to PIA records for 2018 was six.

## **6. UNFINISHED BUSINSS**

### **6.1. Update on Youth Council**

- Councilmember Maxwell stated the Government Affairs committee met last week and set some goals for the Youth Council. We would like for it to be presented at the Regular Work Session Meeting Agenda for January 7, 2019. The City Clerk will prepare the Charter Amendment Resolution and send to the City Council one week prior to the meeting.

## **7. NEW BUSINESS**

### **7.1. None**

## **8 ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**8.1 Ward V Monthly Meeting, Monday, December 17, 2018, Seat Pleasant Activity Center, 5720 Addison Rd., Seat Pleasant, MD at 9:30am**

**8.2 Liquor Board Hearing, Tuesday, December 18, 2018, 9200 Basil Court, Room 410 Largo, MD 20774 at 10:00am**

**8.3 Light Up Your Holiday Christmas Light Contest with Councilmember McCarthy, Friday, December 21, 2018 at 7:00pm**  
Councilmember McCarthy stated that the Christmas Light Contest will be held on Friday, December 21, 2018 the Fire Department will be completing the Santa ride. The first-place prize is \$100, and the second-place prize is \$50.00 She has flyers with the instructions and the deadline to sign-up is on December 20, 2018.

**8.4 Regular Work Session, Monday, January 7, 2019, Seat Pleasant City Hall-Council Chambers, 311 68th Pl., Seat Pleasant, MD at 6:00pm**

**8.5 Maryland General Assembly Reconvenes, Wednesday, January 9, 2019 at 12:00p.m., Annapolis, MD**

**8.6 Public Session, Monday, January 14, 2019, Seat Pleasant City Hall-Council Chambers, 311 68th Pl., Seat Pleasant, MD at 7:00pm**

**8.7 Vision Board Party, Saturday, January 19, 2019, Seat Pleasant Fire Co., 6305 Addison Rd., Seat Pleasant, MD from 12:00p.m.-3:00p.m.**

Councilmember McCarthy stated that the vision board is to assist with seeing your goals visually on paper using magazines

**8.8 State of the City Address, Monday, January 28, 2019, Central High School, 200 Cabin Branch Rd, Capitol Heights, MD 20743 from 6:30p.m.-8:00p.m.** Mayor Grant stated that you will need to register on Eventbrite to attend the state of city on January 28, 2019. We are expecting approximately 800 people to attend. Mayor Grant encouraged the council to inform their residents.

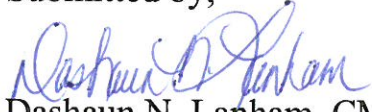


**9. ADJOURN-**

The Public Session meeting adjourned at 8:32p.m.

It was motioned by Councilmember Love and seconded by Councilmember Jones to go into a Closed Session in accordance to Statutory Authority to Close Session, General Provisions Article §3-305 (b) (1) to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; or any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals.

Submitted by,



Dashaun N. Lanham, CMC  
City Clerk